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"MALCOLM BROWNE DOESN'T DENY IT"

DURING THE PEAK YEARS OF THE WAR IN INDOCHINA, IN THE COUNTRIES OF SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIA, MALCOLM BROWNE, CORRESPONDENT OF THE NEW YORK TIMES, WAS AMONG THE AMERICAN COMMENTATORS WHO EXERCIZED THEIR PROFESSION ON A LARGE CIRCUIT. BASICALLY, FOR A PROFESSIONAL DEALING WITH PUBLIC OPINION IT IS AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY TO RECOGNIZE ON THE SPOT FACTS AND THE EVENTS ABOUT WHICH HE IS COMMENTING, TO RECORD THEM FULLY, CORRECTLY AND WITH GOOD FAITH. IT IS ONLY IN THE CASE OF M.W. BROWNE THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO ACT THUS. HE TRAVERSES CONTINENTS BUT NOT WITH THE DESIRE TO OBJECTIVELY INFORM AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION. HE DOESN'T ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF KNOWING BETTER OR DRAWING CLOSER TO THE POPULATIONS IN THE DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD. NO. MALCOLM W. BROWNE SIMPLY REDUCES HIS MISSION - HIS NOBLE MISSION - AS A JOURNALIST TO A PREOCCUPATION TO DENIGRATE AT ANY PRICE THE MOST OBVIOUS REALITIES WITH THE GOAL OF DISTORTING TRUTH.

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BUT LET US STICK TO THE FACTS. A FEW YEARS AGO, ON THE 29TH OF MARCH, 1973 ALONG WITH A GREAT NUMBER OF OTHERS SENT BY WESTERN PRESS AND TELEVISION, M.W. BROWNE ARRIVED BY AIR IN HANOI TO WITNESS THE LIBERATION OF THE LAST GROUP OF AMERICAN PILOTS CAPTURED DURING THE DISASTROUS RAIDS AGAINST THE NORTH-VIETNAMESE TERRITORY. BEFORE HE EVEN HAD THE CHANCE OF SPEAKING WITH THE AVIATORS, MALCOLM W. BROWNE DEMONSTRATED TO ALL PRESENT

CLEARLY HIS TOTAL CONTEMPT FOR TRUTH AND REALITY, FORMULATING MISLEADING AND INSIDIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT THE "MALTREATMENT OF THE AMERICAN AVIATORS", "ABOUT THE SUBHUMAN CONDITIONS" TO WHICH THE CREWS HAD BEEN LED. THE GOOD CONDITIONS OF FOOD, HOUSING, RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES - ALL SURPASSING BY FAR THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS FOR THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS OF WAR AND ABOUT WHICH EVEN THE "MALTREATED INDIVIDUALS" SPOKE IN DETAIL - WERE CLEAR ENOUGH FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF WESTERN COLLEAGUES TO POINT OUT TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS IN THEIR REPORTS. BUT MALCOLM W. BROWNE AND A FEW OTHERS ADDED A DISCORDANT NOTE, OBLIGATING THE PILOTS THEMSELVES TO REPUDIATE THESE AFFIRMATIONS, SOME THROUGH DENIALS ON AMERICAN TELEVISION (AS, FOR EXAMPLE, LT. COL. E. WILBER), OTHERS BY SENDING LETTERS OF THANKS TO THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES OR THE DOCTORS WHO HAD TAKEN CARE OF THEM IN VIETNAM.

FINDING HIMSELF IN ROMANIA IN THE DIFFICULT DAYS AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE OF MARCH 4, M.W. BROWNE DOESN'T DROP HIS PREDISPOSITION FOR CALUMNY AND TENDENTIOUS FALSIFICATION. HIS TELEGRAMS AND REPORTS FROM BUCHAREST ARE FULL OF INSINUATIONS AND ABERRANT SUPPOSITIONS. NOT HAVING THE POWER AND CERTAINLY NOT BEING INTERESTED IN DETACHING HIMSELF FROM THE LOW CONDITION IN WHICH HE DRAGS THE POLITICS OF "THE COLD WAR" M.W. BROWNE AS WELL AS OTHER FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS OF THE SAME KIND DIDN'T HESITATE TO WORSEN, WITH CALUMNOUS, FILTHY MUD THE MORAL BEAUTY, THE BRAVERY AND ABNEGATION OF OUR POPULATION AND OF ITS ARMY. THIS, IN SPITE OF THE REALITIES, THE RAPIDITY, THE SPIRIT OF DISCIPLINE AND THE IMPRESSIVE ORGANIZATION WITH WHICH THE ACTION FOR RESCUING SURVIVORS AND THE REMOVAL OF THE DAMAGED PORTIONS OF STRUCTURES, FOR M.W. UNCLASSIFIED

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BROWNE "BUCHAREST CONTINUES", FOUR DAYS AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE, "TO BE IN CHAOS" MAGHERU BOULEVARD AND THE OTHER ZONES OF CALAMITY "IMPOSSIBLE TO CROSS" HE SAW "SOLDIERS WITH GUNS ON THEIR SHOULDERS, AS IF IN A PARADE."

BAD FAITH AND VENAL LIES PUSH M.W. BROWNE INTO INSULTING AFFIRMATIONS AT THE EXPENSE OF HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS OF BRAVE SOLDIERS, OFFICERS AND GENERALS, WORKING FOR WEEKS, DAY AND NIGHT, NEVER PAUSING TO REST OR TO EAT, MOVING WITH EXEMPLARY FEARLESSNESS, CLIMBING ON THE RUINS, PENETRATING THE RUBBLE, REMOVING WITH THEIR BLOOD-STAINED HANDS THE DEBRIS TO BRING BACK TO LIFE THE SURVIVORS - DRAWING TO THEMSELVES THE LOVE AND ADMIRATION OF THE POPULATION.

M.W. BROWNE DIDN'T SEE, DIDN'T WANT TO SEE, THESE THINGS BECAUSE HE IS PAID BY HIS SUPERIORS TO DEFAME, TO INSULT, AND EVEN HIS LIES APPEAR TO CREATE THE REDICULOUS.

NO, M.W. BROWNE DOESN'T DENY IT. FAT PROFIT IS MORE IMPORTANT

FOR HIM THAN IS HIS PROFESSIONAL CONSCIENCE.

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